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Applicant:

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TISSUE AUGMENTATION

MATERIAL AND METHOD

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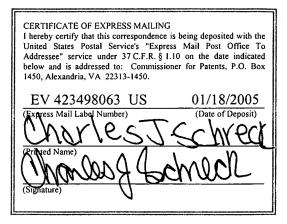
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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

Enclosed are:

[X] Amendment/Reply.

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[X] Other References. The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00	=	\$790.00
Total Claims:	49	-	73	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
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First p	resentation o	f an	y Multiple D	ере	endent Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
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[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$450.00
TO	TAL FEE:	\$1,240.00

- [X] A check in the amount of \$1,240.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1450.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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### AMENDMENT AND REPLY WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 17, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: